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News Release

WILKINS HOUSE TO BE MOVED SEPTEMBER 6

(Greenville SC) The City of Greenville announced today that the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has issued the required permits for the Wilkins House to be moved from its current location to its new location at the corner of Mills Avenue and Elm Street on Saturday, September 6. The City has also issued the required permits. Additionally, SCDOT has issued an encroachment permit that will allow two oak trees on Mills Avenue to be removed in advance of the Wilkins House being relocated.

City staff worked extensively with Duke Energy and Wilkins House representatives over the past couple months, and explored every available option to assist with the house move, minimize service interruption to utility customers and preserve the historic trees. Ultimately, though, it was determined that the required clear distance from Duke Energy's three-phase line on Mills Avenue would not be possible without removing the trees. As a result, the City granted its approval for their removal. The City has also approved the removal of one tree on Otis Street.

The trees will be removed by Timbertech, Inc., at the Wilkins House owner's expense. As required by City ordinance, the two oak trees on Mills Avenue will be replaced with eight four-inch caliper shade trees, at the Wilkins House owner's expense, at an estimated cost of \$4,800. The tree on Otis Street will also be replaced with two new trees at an estimated cost of \$2,700.

The house will be moved by Wolfe House and Building Movers. For additional information related to the house move, contact Mike Blake of Wolfe House and Building Movers at (336) 339-6746.

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